

**TOWN OF ABINGDON
BUDGET WORK SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A budget work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Municipal Building.

A. ROLL CALL

Members of Council Present: Mayor Edward B. Morgan
Dr. French H. Moore, Jr., Vice Mayor
Mrs. Lois H. Humphreys
Mrs. Cathy Lowe
Mr. Jason N. Berry

Administrative Staff: Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager
Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk
Debbie Icenhour, Town Attorney
Mark Godbey, Town Treasurer/Dir. Finance
Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police



1. Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order and Cecile Rosenbaum, Town Clerk called the roll.
2. Greg Kelly, Town Manager asked Tony Sullivan, Chief of Police to provide an update on the Police and Fire radio system that was recently out for bids. Chief Sullivan provided the Council with information about the USDA grant that may be available to fund the system. Chief Sullivan recommended that the Council consider approving the entire project, Phases 1 and 2 at this time at a total price of \$178,594.00. Mr. Kelly commented about the location of additional emergency call boxes should the Town acquire the equipment.
3. Mayor Morgan asked Mr. Kelly to provide an update on the William King Museum Academy Drive road widening project. Mr. Kelly indicated that language was in the deed between the Town and the Museum that gave the Town five (5) years to complete the road widening project. Discussion ensued with regard to funding for project and Mr. Kelly reported that he would include the road widening project in the Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Kelly confirmed that he had placed \$41,000 in the FY09/10 budget toward the road project and another \$41,000 in the FY10/11 budget. Discussion ensued about two houses that will need to be demolished before the road project could begin and Mr. Kelly indicated that Town staff may be able to proceed with that part of the project within the next few months.
4. Mr. Kelly updated the Council on the costs that had been projected for the Town to send a delegation to All America City award competition in Kansas City, MO in June. Mayor

Morgan requested that the matter be brought before Council for formal action at the May Council meeting.

5. At this time Council members considered a portion of the non-departmental requests that had been submitted for funding for the FY 10/11 budget. Mayor Morgan and council members indicated that they would make the final determinations at the May 3rd Work Session meeting.
6. Council members heard budget requests from the following organizations:
 - Susan Howard and Loni Willey with Advance Abingdon
 - David McKee, Mike Marion and Mark Wilkerson with Washington County Life Saving Crew
 - Mike Rush and Steve Cannon with Abingdon Housing Authority
 - Steve Halley and Anita Smith with Brain Injury Services of Southwest Virginia
 - Jan Rainero with Bristol Historical Society, Preston House
 - Marcy Miller with William King Museum
 - Donna Price with Holston Mountain Artisans
 - Mary Anne Holbrook with Barter Theatre
 - Dexter Peltzer with Abingdon Senior Center
7. Council members indicated that they would consider the matching grant request from Dexter Peltzer with the Abingdon Senior Center at the May 3rd Council meeting.
8. Council members indicated that they needed additional information from Advance Abingdon and requested that Mr. Kelly forward a letter to the President of Advance Abingdon to request that they provide a needs assessment and a plan for the funding they are requesting for FY2010/2011. Council indicated they would consider the matter at the May 3, 2010 work session.
9. Council members considered the funding request for the William King Museum, Fields Penn House and discussion ensued regarding the best use for the House. Council members requested that Mr. Kelly meet with the Museum director, Marcy Miller, to discuss the management of the House being returned back to the Town.

At this time, Mr. Morgan declared the meeting adjourned.

Edward B. Morgan, Mayor

Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk